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Applicant hereby addresses the Office Action made final mailed 17 December 2002.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Per 37 CFR 1.121(e) the following is a clean copy of an amended portion of the specification as required. A copy of the "marked-up" version is attached as an appendix.

On page 4, 1st complete paragraph (Lines 13-17):

As depicted in Figures 2 and 3, an embodiment **50** of the present invention comprises a pump forearm **40** adapted to be mounted about magazine tube **20**. Pump forearm **40** comprises a grip **24** and a handle assembly **41** connected to grip **24**, proximate the rearward (toward the butt end) end. Handle assembly **41** is located about and above barrel **16** and has securing element **44** connected to hand grip **42** by a neck element **46**. The connection of hand grip **42** to neck element **46** is such that it facilitates either right-handed or left-handed use, and places hand grip **42** forward (toward the muzzle end) of securing element **44**.

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